Two food officials sent to jail after rejection of bail applications

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: Two officials of the food department were arrested and sent to jail after their bail applications were rejected by the Sukkur Accountability Court on Tuesday.

The officials, Qambar-Shahdadkot Deputy Director Nasrullah Chandio and District Food Controller Altaf Magsi, are facing a Rs.5.75 billion corruption reference filed against them and their alleged associates by the National Accountability Bureau.

According to the NAB, they misappropriated a huge amount of wheat stocked in the department's silos in Qambar-Shahdadkot, causing a loss of around Rs5.75 billion to the exchequer.

The Accountability Court Judge, Ghulam Yasin Kolachi, heard the prosecutor and defendants' counsel and rejected the bail applications. The two accused were then arrested and escorted to jail.

The judge fixed Jan 20 for the hearing of the reference.

The NAB has nominated more than a dozen other suspects as co-accused in the reference and many of them appeared before the judge on Tuesday.

Armed clash leaves man dead

By Our Correspondent

DADU: An armed clash between two rival groups belonging to the Brohi tribe left one man dead and two others wounded near Dadu jail on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Asghar Brohi and the injured as Abdul Rasheed and Mohammad Khan Siyal.

The victims were taken to a government hospital where the wounded were admitted for treatment.

According to the area police, the two sides had a land dispute which escalated into the armed clash.

Murder suspects held

Four suspects were arrested on Tuesday to solve the mystery of a youth's murder on Dec 20, police said.

The suspects, Abdul Ghani, Ali Akbar, Madad Ali and Javed Ali — belonging to the Mallah community — were involved in killing their close relative, Sajjad Ali, 25, over a family dispute, the police said.

Intelligence and scientific technology helped reach them, they said, and claimed that the weapons used in the crime were seized from them.

The lost library of Lyari

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upstairs grew louder, making it impossible to concentrate.

When I returned in late September, I found a student bent over his notes, preparing for a medical entry test, a mosquito-repellent coil burning beside him, its smoke curling against the walls.

In October, I made several visits to the library. Most days, the shutters were shut, but one afternoon I found them open.

Inside sat Akbar Baloch, a retired library staffer, along with a few members of the football house. The man currently in charge of the library was away for Zuhr prayers. "He comes around noon," one of them told me, "and leaves after prayers."

I waited. When he returned, he quietly walked across the dim room, wheeled out his motorcycle parked inside the football house lawn and left. I stayed back with the staff. Akbar Wali told me he had retired recently, but still came by to pass the time. "Students don't come here anymore," he said. "Maybe one or two in a month, by chance."

A detailed version of this article can be accessed on Dawn.com

Collection of details about seminaries in Larkana ordered

DC seeks information regarding curriculum taught at seminaries listed under Fourth Schedule

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: Larkana Deputy Commissioner Dr Sharjeel Noor Channa has said that the law enforcement and other departments must work together to obtain complete information about the seminaries affiliated with the Wafaqul Madaris.

Chairing a meeting of the District Liaison Committee in the Darbar Hall of his office on Tuesday, the DC directed the Special Branch and Social Welfare Department to collaborate in the collection of accurate data.

He asked the officials concerned to conduct fresh surveys covering the existing data, details about the seminaries listed under the Fourth Schedule and the curriculum being taught in their institutions.

The officials have been asked to submit comprehensive reports with the DC Office. Officials of various departments attended the meeting.

The DC underscored the importance of coordinated action among law enforcement agencies.

He also sought detailed information from the Social Welfare Department regarding their efforts for women's welfare including seminars held by it, initiatives taken for working women, and position of schools operating under its supervision. He also inquired about child protection programmes in the district and their progress.

An official of the Social Welfare Department, Larkana, informed the meeting that 13 women were currently living in the city's Darul Aman, where they were being provided essential facilities.

"The department operates the helpline, 104, to receive complaints and then addresses them by providing legal assistance and other required support.

Addressing Nadra officials, the DC called for maintaining accurate data of citizens and ensuring that the CNIC was not issued to any foreigner or unauthorised individual.

The DC also stressed the need for effective checks and balances in the district and called for joint operations by police and customs authorities to curb smuggling.

New SLA chairman vows to play due role in developing Sindhi language

Scholars, literati warmly welcome Dr Sher Mehrani, acknowledge great services rendered by his predecessor Dr Ishaq Samejo

HYDERABAD: Literati, scholars, linguists and a large number of students attended a ceremony at the Sindhi Language Authority (SLA) on Tuesday to welcome its new Chairman Prof Dr Sher Mehrani and bid farewell to his predecessor Prof Dr Ishaq Samejo.

Speaking to the audience, Prof Mehrani expressed his pleasure over being entrusted with the new responsibility and thanked all those concerned who welcomed him. He said that to him, it was an opportunity to serve the Sindhi language through this esteemed institution. "It's an honour for me," he added.

He observed that at this point of time, there is a flood of technology, a change, and innovation that have come over the last five centuries and, perhaps, might not be coming in the next five centuries.

"In this era of Artificial Intelligence, we have to play our due role in developing the Sindhi language," he said, adding that he would try his best to carry forward the good and positive traditions together with his contemporaries.

Outgoing SLA chairman Dr Ishaq Samejo said he was very proud of this institution. "First of all, workers of this institution deserve all praise for building it by working with the head of each era," he said.

He remarked that the chairman and secretary come only as guests, but the permanent residents of SLA are the workers.

He said: "Dr Sher Mehrani is a dynamic person of the new age … at this time, only a person of the new age can run the institution better with planning and policies according to the modern age".

According to Dr Samejo, during his tenure, he has established new traditions that have brought the institution out of the boundaries and connected it with society. He recalled that recently children celebrated Shah Latif Festivals and an awareness campaign titled 'Sindhi language, national language' was run.

Besides, the Sindhi learning centres have been opened. These traditions have increased the importance of SLA in society, he said.

"This way, we have to change the traditional policies and attitudes, and work to save and develop the language," he stressed.

He said that dictionaries cannot save the language, it is the child who will saves the language.

A complaint centre against those private schools which did not teach Sindhi was set up while Sindhi learning centres for teachers were opened in Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur where hundreds of teachers learnt the language.

These learning centres need to be established at the district level, he said.

A former SLA chairman Dr Mohammad Ali Manjhi said: "The SLA is an important institution in relation to language. Great scholars and intellectuals have been heading it.

He said Dr Ishaq Samejo completed his journey successfully by working in the best way and now Dr Sher Mehrani's is starting his journey today. His scientific and research work is outstanding. We hope that he will maintain his continuity for the development, growth and implementation of Sindhi language in this institution as well.

Director of the Institute of Sindhology Dr Fayyaz Latif and renowned literary figures Niaz Pahor, Dr Makhmour Bukhari, Taj Joyo, Dr Ehsan Danish, Noor Ahmed Janjahi, Ali Dost Azim, Wahid Kandhari, Anwar Mansoor, Abid Anwar, Zia Abro, Dr Phulu Mal Meghwar, Benazir Junejo, Sattar Sarohi and others warmly welcomed Dr Mehrani to the SLA. —APP

SINDH Ombudsman's Regional Director Ali Akbar Jagirani inspects the food served to prisoners during his visit to Larkana jail on Tuesday.—PPI

Ombudsman office inspects facilities for prisoners in jail visit

Tells officials to strictly follow manual, assist inmates

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: The regional director for the Provincial Ombudsman Sindh in Larkana has directed that prisoners in jail be provided all necessary facilities as per the jail manual, including food, accommodation, medical treatment and all other essential legal amenities.

He emphasised that the prisoners whose cases were not being pursued should be produced in court timely and provided with legal assistance.

Ali Akbar Jagirani issued the directives during his visit to the Central Jail Larkana on Tuesday to inspect the facilities being provided to the prisoners. He also inspected various barracks of the jail, talked to the prisoners, listened to their problems and noted complaints.

Talking to the inmates, he said, "If you have any problems or complaints, please, inform us. If you are not receiving medical treatment during illness, tell us about that as well."

Several prisoners informed the regional director about medical treatment and their cases, stating that they were not being presented in court on time for hearings.

In response, he directed the jail staff to present them for hearings on time and provide legal assistance. During the jail visit, he also visited the water filtration plant installed for the prisoners, jail's drainage system and the hospital established for the prisoners' treatment. He instructed the medical staff to provide timely treatment to prisoners and also take care of their food and nutrition.

On the occasion, Jail Superintendent Larkana Abdul Fatah Kalhoro told him that all prisoners present there were provided food on time, sick prisoners were given treatment and vocational training was also provided.

The regional director was accompanied by the director Health Services Larkana, district health officer Larkana and deputy director Social Welfare.

He also visited the kitchen, medical ward and vocational center, to witness the facilities being provided there.

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE
(CUSTOMS, TAXATION & ANTI-SMUGGLING-I), KARACHI

Special Case No. 131/2020
FIR No. ASO-254/2020-HQ
P.S. CUSTOMS. KARACHI.

The State…… Versus…… Muhammad Khalid & Others

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS UNDER SECTION 87 Cr. PC.

Whereas, complaint had made before me that accused persons namely 1. **Barat Khan S/o Haji Meera Jan. holding CNIC No. 54401-0785829-1R/o** (i) **Simangli Road, Mohalla Kalli Shamshuzai Nowan Killi R/o** (ii) **Kalli Shamshuzai, Sakhana Gulistan, Car Reez Gulistan 'Tehsil Gulistan District Killa Abdullah** 2. **Jahanzab S/o. Haji Rehmat, R/o. Naval Colony, Karachi and Muhammad Khalid S/o NaseemR/o. Naval Colony, Karachi** 3. **Muhammad Khalid S/o Naseem R/o Naval Colony, Karachi** have committed an offence of smuggling of Betel Nuts and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest issued thereupon that the said accused persons cannot be found and whereas it had been shown to my satisfaction that the above mentioned accused persons absconded to avoid the service of the said warrant.

2. Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused are required to appear on **02.02.2026** at **09:00** am before this Hon' able Court to answer the said complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 06.01.2026

SPECIAL JUDGE
(CUSTOMS, & TAXATION Court-I)
KARACHI
PID(K)2374/2025

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Our beloved **Dr. Naseem Fatima Naqvi** w/o late **Dr. S. Ali Jaffar Naqvi** passed away peacefully on **January 13, 2026, Rajab 24, 1447 AH** surrounded by family and loved ones. May she rest in eternal peace.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held on Wednesday January 14, 2026 following Zuhrain prayers at 1:30 p.m. at **Masjid-e-Yasrib D.H.A Phase 4.**

Mourners:

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Rabab Batool Naqvi
Sakina Batool Naqvi and Matthew Giddings

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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
KARACHI WATER AND SEWERAGE CORPORATION

Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES

FOR UPGRADATION/DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENT PUMPING STATIONS WITH ALL ALLIED INCLUDING MECHNICAL & ELECTRICAL (M&E) EQUIPMENT'S INTAKE CHAMBER RISING MAIN AND FORBEY AT DHABEJI PUMPING COMPLEX (DPC) UNDER PPP MODE

KW&SC/DPR/2026/03

PRE-BID CONFERENCE SCHEDULE : 22-01-2026

ASSIGNMENT BRIEF

The Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KW&SC), Government of Sindh, intends to undertake the upgradation and development of water pumping stations and allied power infrastructure at Dhabeji under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework. The Dhabeji Pumping Complex (DPC) is the backbone of Karachi's bulk water supply system, with a design capacity of approximately 550 MGD. Aging infrastructure, high energy costs, and hydraulic constraints have created operational inefficiencies, presenting an opportunity for modernization and energy optimization.The Procuring Agency invites electronic bids from eligible individual firms or consortia at a national level (technical, financial, and legal consultants), to conduct a detailed feasibility study and provide comprehensive transaction advisory services, considering the Project's intended objectives, sustainability, viability, and performing a robust value for money analysis in accordance with the Sindh Public Procurement Act, 2009, and the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010, (Amended) including all relevant rules, regulations, instructions, guidelines framed thereunder ('Assignment').

ASSIGNMENT SCOPE

The consulting scope of services for the Project under this Assignment includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Phase I –Transaction Preparation
- Technical Due Diligence & Feasibility Study
- Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)
- Land Acquisition & Resettlement Plan
- Legal & Regulatory Assessment
- Financial Viability Assessment & PPP Options Analysis

Phase II – Transaction Implementation
- Preparation of Bidding Documents
- Bid Evaluation Reports
- Issuance of Letter of Award

Phase III – Transaction Negotiation & Financial Close
- Negotiation and signing of Concession Agreements
- Achievement of Financial Close

ELIGIBLITY CRITERIA

Prospective bidders (individual consulting firms with local / foreigner experts or consortia) shall require to satisfy the specified eligibility and technical evaluation criteria, along with all other terms and conditions, supported by the relevant documentation specified in the RFP Document.

BIDDING PROCESS

The procurement process for this Assignment is being conducted in accordance with the national competitive bidding procedure, using the quality-cost based selection method, as prescribed under the SPP Rules, 2010, and is open to all eligible bidders. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose bid shall be determined to be the most advantageous bid, attaining the highest combined weighted technical and financial score in line with the criteria set out in the RFP Document.

Prospective bidders are required to upload / submit at Committee Room of C.E.O, KW&SC, Secretariat at Block "D", 9th Mile Karsaz, Main Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, only one (1) bid, comprising one (1) Technical Proposal and one (1) Financial Proposal, along with all other applicable supporting documents, as identified in the RFP Document, electronically via the Sindh PPRA E-Pak Acquisition & Disposal System ('SPPRA EPADS'), no later than **12.00 Noon on 03 February,2026** ('Bid Submission Deadline').

The Technical Proposals will be opened on the Bid Submission Deadline Day on **03rd February ,2026 at 12.30 Noon** in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who may wish to attend, at the office address provided below. Should the Bid Submission Deadline fall on a public holiday or be affected by any unforeseen circumstance, bids, including the bid securities, shall be received and opened on the immediately succeeding business day at the same stipulated time and venue. Following the evaluation of Technical Proposals, bidders who have submitted responsive Technical Proposals in terms of the RFP Document shall be invited to attend the opening of the Financial Proposals.

Bidders are required to furnish, as part of Technical Proposals, with original bid security, no less than **PKR 3,000,000/-** (Pak Rupees Three Million), in the form of pay order/demand draft/bank guarantee, valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond bid validity period, issued by a scheduled bank of Pakistan in favor of 'KW&SC'. Original bid security, enclosed in a sealed envelope, shall be submitted via mail or by hand by Bid Submission Deadline at the address given below.

Prospective bidders may download the RFP Document free of cost after publication of RFP in Newspaper Electronically, by downloading from the websites of the SPPRA EPADS or PPP Unit and notifying the Procuring Agency in writing via letter or email, its full name, address and contact details.

The Procuring Agency reserves all rights to: (a) cancel, modify, extend or reinitiate the bidding procedure; (b) accept or reject any bid or disqualify any or all bidders; (c) modify all or any dates stated in the RFP Document; or (d) amend the RFP Document, Assignment's scope, or issue clarifications thereof, at any time in accordance with the SPP Rules.
The address for submission of the bid security is as under:

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